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Chairman Jones of the National Republican Committee insists that Mr. Blaine has carried New York and been elected President. The revised Associated Press returns give Governor Cleveland a plurality. Mr. Jones has the reputation of being a careful man. He has, or thinks he has, some reason for his claim or he would not assert it. If Governor Cleveland's plurality is only apparent, that fact ought to come out in to-morrow's count. If it has been secured by fraud, we may rest assured that our friends in New York will develop that fact. If Governor Cleveland is fairly elected President, though his election has been secured by the plurality of a single vote, the people will support his right to the seat. If Mr. Blaine has the right to the seat he will get it, in spite of the blustering of the Democratic managers. This is a government of law, and we must submit to results lawfully determined. It counts for nothing that those results are not to our liking.

Now for the final count.

Who will mourn for Blaine now?

Also there is that "enormous surplus" in the Treasury!

If Butler votes have been counted for Cleveland that is of interest to the people.

Whichever way it goes the "I-told-you-sos" will have a frolic. Their heads are as long as a mule's leg.

It may not be unwise to remind our Democratic friends that this little matter is not to be settled by bluster.

On Tuesday night the early Democratic count was 60,000 plurality in New York. The barometer has fallen a good deal since then.

It is remarked that Washington wears the lugubrious air of a grave yard. If the body-snatchers get in they will make it merry enough.

Mr. Gould was an awful scoundrel until he telegraphed his congratulations to Governor Cleveland. Now Mr. Gould is an Angel of Light.

The talented artist who sends us a copy of Saturday's INTELLIGENCER embellished with his art is requested to forward his address. Our intentions are "perfectly honorable."

The Democratic party has lived a quarter of a century on the dry husks of hope. The Republican party has vitality enough to keep it alive out of power. It may be four years, but it will not be forever.

When Mr. Daniel Manning declares that "The Democratic State Board of Canvassers will see that the true vote is correctly declared," he gives color to the suspicion that he and his friends mean to declare that New York has gone for Cleveland anyhow. If somebody were getting ready to steal something that is about the way he would get ready to do it.

The second of the INTELLIGENCER's series of illustrated articles will be found on another page. This article deals with an interesting phase of the Indian question, one which is believed to be a solution of the Indian problem. The education of the young is already having a marked effect on their race. Experience teaches that Indian children are far from dull and that they take readily to useful handicrafts.

We are waiting patiently to see the Democratic press drub Chairman Barnum for his gunpowder appeal to Democrats. All the circumstances considered, a more shameless thing never came from a man's pen. If Chairman Barnum's intent was not to breed strife, the excitement of the moment betrayed him into a wretched misuse of the English language. If trouble had come Barnum would have been responsible for it.

When the Associated Press returns indicated that New York had given a plurality for Blaine, Democrats the country over denounced the Associated Press as a machine run in the interest of the Republican party, as though a news-gatherer could throw the election which way it pleased. Do we hear any Democrats denouncing the Associated Press because its final footing shows a plurality for Cleveland? Once again the Associated Press has vindicated its absolute fairness and freedom of partisan control. If its service were not fairly conducted it would lack the first elements of a good news service.

The Register is among those newspapers which seem to think they can elect a President to their own liking by suppressing news unfavorable to their own side.

This partly accounts for the fact that while the drift of the Associated Press dispatches favored Mr. Blaine the Register preferred to bulletin the fraudulent dispatches of Democrats in New York who claimed that Cleveland was elected beyond doubt—a claim which rested on no better foundation than the hazard of a guess, for at that time it was impossible to tell who had the small plurality which had fallen on one side or the other.

One result of this was to prejudice the Associated Press in the public mind, for not everybody knew what kind of a game the Register was playing—which dispatches were non-partisan and which were written with partisan ink of the deepest dye. As an Associated Press newspaper the INTELLIGENCER objects to that way of handling the service of that association.

It was bad enough for a newspaper to have to submit its editorials to the examination, revision and approval of a caucus of its party; the news might be allowed to go unreviewed or unsmoothed by such peculiar censorship. The Register will not like this, but it is true, and a proper matter of public concern. At such a time the public has a right to know who treats it fairly and who imposes on it.

STILL HANGING

On the Final Counting of New York's Vote.

The Republican Committee Still Says Mr. Blaine is the Man.

The Reported Returns Show a Plurality for Cleveland.

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Florida Democrats Rejoicing.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Nov. 9.—A mass meeting was held here last night to express the general sentiment of rejoicing over the election of Cleveland and Hendricks. Numerous speeches were made. Viewers were displayed and a salute of twenty-one guns fired. A resolution was adopted expressing satisfaction at the result, and the meeting closed with the playing of the national anthem.

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is known to assume the Republicans of a majority of 31 in the next Legislature on joint ballot. In the Senate, including joint voters, there will be 29 Republicans and 13 Democrats, a Republican gain of two. In the Assembly there will be 65 Republicans, 23 Democrats and one Independent Republican. In the last Assembly there were 45 Republicans and 57 Democrats.

Better Wait and See.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 8.—The Democracy had a monster demonstration to-night. Over six thousand men were in line and great enthusiasm prevailed. There was no disturbance. A meeting was held at 11 o'clock, and resolutions were adopted. The National Committee, accepting the declaration that Cleveland and Hendricks were elected and that having been elected they must be inaugurated.

It Will Be Maintained.

OHIO, Nov. 8.—A call was published at Omaha to-day urging the Democracy of Douglas county and vicinity to meet en masse Monday night, and declare their support of the Democracy in their firm declaration to maintain the will of the people as expressed through the ballot. The call is signed by James E. Lloyd, member of the National Committee and others.

The Pacific States Solid.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—With three counties to hear from California gives Blaine 89,653; Cleveland 77,503; Butler 9,461; St. John 897; Blaine's plurality 10,319. The Republicans elected a full Congressional delegation of six, with one county to hear from. The Legislature is Republican.

Nevada gives Blaine 7,080; Cleveland 4,303; Blaine's majority so far 1,786. Nevada has not yet received its returns, but it is known that Blaine's majority in the State will be fully 1,000.

Still Jubilant.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 9.—The Democrats here are still jubilant and steps are being taken for a grand torchlight procession during the week. The Republicans do not yet concede Cleveland's election. Blaine claims New York has gone for Blaine by a small majority. New York papers were in great demand here this morning.

Cleveland Will Get Married.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 8.—Rev. James McLeod, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of this city, and who formerly occupied the pulpit of a Presbyterian church at Buffalo, N. Y., says he has it on good authority that Gov. Cleveland will shortly be united in marriage with a young lady of Buffalo.

COMMISSIONER EVANS' REPORT.

The Receipts and Expenditures of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 9.—The annual report of Hon. Walter Evans, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1884, has been submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury. The total receipts from all sources of internal revenue taxation for the year are \$121,500,000 as compared with \$144,553,344 for the year 1883, and \$146,523,273 for the year 1882, and \$135,229,912 for the year 1881. It is estimated \$115,000,000 will be collected the present year. Payment of the tax on the large distilleries of spirits in 1881 was a material factor in the collections during the past year.

A comparative statement of the receipts for the fiscal years of 1883 and 1884 shows a decrease of \$10,041,550 from tobacco, an increase of \$3,350,010 from spirits, an increase of \$1,314,338 in fermented liquors, and a decrease of \$10,442,404 from taxes under repealed laws and penalties, making a total decrease of \$22,963,365. The cost of collection for the past year was \$5,106,341 as compared with \$5,165,937 in 1883. This includes \$55,000 for the accounts of storekeepers and gunners for the last half of June, 1884, that were not paid, owing to the appropriation being exhausted.

The Commissioner says the diminution of the gross receipts does not proportionately affect the cost of collection, as nearly the same force had to be retained.

During the year 377 stills were seized and 902 persons arrested for engaging in illicit distillation. The Commissioner says that representations were made in vain to Congress to reduce the tax on spirits, and that the Commissioner is now endeavoring to secure a reduction of the tax on spirits by the use of the revenue agent in a territory embracing sometimes three or four hundred square miles.

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